

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 259 without my signature.

This bill is similar to legislation I vetoed last year. As I said at that time, I believe that the sabbatical leave system encourages faculty of the California State University to strive for professional growth and academic excellence. However, I maintain my position that determining what benefits an employee receives during a sabbatical is a matter for collective bargaining, not legislation. For this reason I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger